

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

829

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1272

H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1272, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to remove communication barriers at motion picture theaters for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, or have low vision by requiring motion picture theaters that operate more than two facilities in the State and are open to the general public to provide open movie captioning and descriptive narration during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is offered for viewing and making a violation of these requirements a discriminatory practice.

The Hawaii Deaf Surfers Association, Hawaii Association of the Blind, Hawaii School for the Deaf and the Blind Alumni Club, Aloha State Association of the Deaf, and numerous individuals supported this measure. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Civil Rights Commission and Disability and Communication Access Board supported the intent of the measure and suggested amendments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the provision requiring the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to adopt rules; and
- (2) Providing definitions for "motion picture theater" and "facilities."

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1272, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1272, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b>	<b>Committee Referral:</b>	<b>Date:</b>		
HB 1272, HD1	EDB, JUD	3/3/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	X			
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (VC)	X			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				X
4. BROWER, Tom	X			
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.	X			
6. HASHEM, Mark J.	X			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	X			
8. LEE, Chris				X
9. MORIKAWA, Dee	X			
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.				X
11. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	X			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.				X
13. MCDERMOTT, Bob				X
14. THIELEN, Cynthia	X			
TOTAL (14)	9	0	0	5
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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